

**Saturday, July 25**  
***Dog Days of Summer Canine Classic***  
Bring your dog to Lake Fairfax Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to enjoy an agility course, tour boat ride, photo opportunities and more. Dogs must be legally licensed, vaccinated, wearing a visible dog license, leashed and have completed at least one session of dog obedience. Cost is \$30. One adult handler per dog. Call 703-471-5414.

***Dinofest in Nature Playce***  
Explore dinoland and unearh a real fossil to keep at Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per child. Canceled if it rains. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

**Sunday, July 26**  
***Leave No Trace Awareness Workshop***  
Participants will receive introductory training in the Leave No Trace outdoor skills and ethics program at the Riverbend Park Workshop from 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

***Dueling Floral Designers***  
Watch as two designers simultaneously create original floral arrangements using identical materials from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens. You can see them, but they cannot see each other. Reservations required. Cost is \$45 for program and afternoon tea or \$22 for program only. For more information, call 703-941-7987.

***Canine Cruise***  
Treat your canine companion to a cruise from 7 to 8 p.m. aboard Lake Accotink Park’s pontoon tour boat. Cost is \$6 per person, no charge for dogs. Limit one dog per person. Humans must be at least eight and accompanied by an adult if under age 16. Register in advance at 703-569-0285. Arrive 20 minutes before to pick up your reserved tickets. Refunds will be issued in the event of weather or other cancellation.

**Tuesday, July 28**  
***Mr. Weather Bear***  
With the help of Mr. Bear, learn about the weather with a felt-board story, bubble play, an ice cube race and songs at Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Cost is \$6 per child. Children must be joined by an adult. For more information, call 703-941-1065.



**IMA VOLUNTEER!**  
Get involved with our Invasive Management Area (IMA) program and make a big difference! Learn more and find IMA workdays listed online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA).

**Wednesday, July 29**  
***Stories from Old Centreville***  
Bring blankets or chairs and flashlights to Cabell’s Mill at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for s’mores and campfire stories about Centreville’s past. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.



**Thursday to Sunday, July 30, 31 & August 1, 2**  
***4-H Fair and Carnival at Frying Pan Farm***  
Come on down to the farm for the annual 4-H Fair and Carnival to see farm animals, big trucks, 18 departments of 4-H competitions, interactive educational exhibits and a tractor pull. Watch cow and goat milking, blacksmithing and farm demonstrations. Listen to live music. Enjoy the robotics showcase. Check out the dog shows and rabbit judging. Take a spin on some carnival rides, and feast on traditional fair food. Admission is free. Parking is free Thursday and Friday and \$7 on the weekend. Tickets for an unlimited day of carnival rides on Thursday or Friday are \$16 per person online until July 22, \$18 per person July 23-28 and \$25 same day. Individual ride tickets are \$1 each and most rides take 3-4 tickets. Ride the Frying Pan carousel for \$2 or take a wagon ride for \$3 (reservation available on Thursday and Friday). The farmyard opens at 9 a.m. and events run as late as 10 p.m. Check the Frying Pan Farm Park Website for details, or call 703-437-9101 for more information.

**Friday, July 31**  
***Reptile Campfire***  
Join a naturalist for a night at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park from 7 to 8 p.m. for a hike to learn about our native reptiles that become nocturnal during the warmer months. Return to our campfire to roast marshmallows and make s’mores. The cost is \$6 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

***Campfire Bats, Bugs, and Owls Oh My!***  
Learn about the critters that only come out at night and the special adaptations that help them thrive while we sleep. Watch for bats, attract some bugs, and call for owls at Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. Bring a toasting stick. We provide marshmallows. Call 703-941-1065.



**Mondays in July**  
***Monday Bird Walk***  
Discover the Accotink Stream Valley’s resident birds on a weekly bird walk from 7 to 9 a.m. Bring binoculars. Meet at Eakin Community Park, Prosperity Ave. parking lot. Free. Walks are canceled in the event of rain or severe weather. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-324-8700


***Discovery Days***  
Your family and friends are invited to discover Ellanor C. Lawrence Park from 5 to 6 p.m. together with one of our historians or naturalists. During this hands-on interpretive hour, you may get out in the woods to search for animals, travel through history and make ice cream or fresh biscuits, meet an owl or explore a stream, depending on the weekly topic. The cost is \$5 per person and children must be accompanied by a paid, registered adult. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

**Thursdays in July**  
***Flora Fauna-Summer Series***  
Join Hidden Pond naturalists for a summer of exploration from 10 to 10:30 a.m. or 11 to 11:30 a.m. Different topic each week: 7/2 Frogs; 7/9 Turtle; 7/16 Snakes; 7/23 Lizards; 7/30 Bugs; 8/6 Plants & Flowers; 8/13 Dirt Dwellers; 8/20 Animal Care; 8/27 Birds. Cost is \$2 per child. Children must be accompanied by adult. For more information, call 703-451-9588


**Park Authority Celebrates 65th Anniversary**

The Fairfax County Park Authority turns 65 this year. That’s 65 years of making connections with our many neighbors, friends and supporters; educating generations of kids about nature, history and how to play sports, swim and golf, keeping adults of all ages active and preserving open space and historic places. That is why parks count and its something we can all celebrate!






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**Wednesday, July 1 & Saturday, July 25**  
***Fireflies in the Meadow***  
Meet at Cabell’s Mill from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. and see the meadow light with fireflies. Bring a plastic jar with a lid, a flashlight and bug repellant. Wear long pants, socks and closed shoes. Cost is \$5 per person. Call 703-631-0013.

**Thursdays, July 2 & 16**  
***Jr. Farmer Family Fun***  
Go help the farmers at Frying Pan Farm Park with chores from 4 to 5 p.m. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. The cost is \$5. For more information, call 703-437-9101.

**Friday, July 3**  
***Friday Evening Garden Tours***  
View Green Spring’s demonstration gardens in a different light with Master Gardener docents as the sun fades at day’s end from 7 to 8 p.m. Enjoy cool refreshments in the Historic House. The cost is \$12. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

**Sunday, July 5, 19**  
***Grinding the Grain***  
Visit Colvin Run Mill as they grind the grain from noon until 3 p.m. Grain grinding demonstration is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors, \$6 for students 16 plus with ID. There’s a Blacksmith demonstration from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and free woodcarving lessons from the Northern Virginia Carvers for ages 12 and up. Lessons are free. Nominal charge for wood blanks.

**Sunday, July 5**  
***Sketch Hike: Historic Huntley***  
Join park naturalist and artist Margaret Wohler for a hike from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center and hike up to Historic Huntley for some breathtaking views while sketching. The cost is \$6 per person. Call 703-768-2525.

**Monday, July 6**  
***Yoga for Gardeners***  
This class features a gentle introduction to the Vinyasa method from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens. The class is held indoors, and there are eight lessons. The cost is \$86. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

**Tuesday, July 7**  
***Stream Monsters***  
Enter Big Rocky Run stream and see what “monsters” live in the water at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$6 per person. Call 703-631-0013.

**Wednesdays, July 8 & 22**  
***Farm Explorers***  
Journey into Frying Pan Farm Park from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. with your preschooler and get involved in hands-on activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$6 per child. Call 703-437-9101.

**Thursdays, July 9, 23 & 30**  
***Sully Sleuth Days***  
Learn a little history, make a little craft and have a whole lot of fun at Sully from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$10 per child. Topics for specific dates are 7/9 Weather-Wise, 7/23 Puppet Mastery, 7/30 Sewing. Call 703-437-1794.

**Fridays, July 10 & 24**  
***Creek Adventure Wagon Ride***  
Bring shoes that can get wet and an adventurous spirit to explore the Rocky Run at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$6. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

**Fridays, July 10, 17, 24 & 31**  
***Kayak Tour-Sunset over Riverbend***  
Experience an upper Potomac River tour at Riverbend Park from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is not a whitewater tour. No previous experience required. One- and two–person kayaks available. Download waiver from <http://1.usa.gov/1aubG3L> and bring to tour. Tour canceled in the event of inclement weather or hazardous river conditions. The cost is \$38 per person. Call 703-759-9018.

**Fridays, July 10, 17 & 31**  
***Parent & Child Fishing by Boat***  
Enjoy fishing with your child rom 5 to 7 p.m. at Riverbend Park. Follow the naturalist to favorite fishing spots .Start with boating basics. Boats and PFDs provided. Download waiver from [https:// go.usa.gov/jzD](https://go.usa.gov/jzD) and bring. Event will be canceled in bad weather or river conditions. Maximum three persons per boat, one must be 16 years or older. The cost is \$16 per participant. Fishing rod rentals available. Call 703-759-9018.

***Celebrate Summer!***

**Thursday, July 2**  
***Workshop: Patriotic Floral Design***  
Create a centerpiece in red, white and blue at Green Spring Gardens just in time for your Fourth of July holiday picnic. The centerpiece includes flowers, flags and patriotic trim. Designer Chuck Mason demonstrates and provides assistance from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Please register for both program and supply fee. The cost is \$35 per person for the program and \$25 for the supply fee. For more information, call 703-642-5173

**Fridays in July 3, 17, 24, 31**  
***Dairy Days - Ice Cream Making and Butter***  
Discover the whey of the dairy! Churn butter, crank ice cream and play historic games for a taste of 18th century life at Sully from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person and children must be accompanied by adult. Tour cost separate. For more information, call 703-437-1794.

**Saturday, July 4**  
***Fourth of July Celebration***  
Join us on July 4<sup>th</sup> at Lake Fairfax Park. Enjoy picnicking and live music from 4 to 8 p.m., food from food vendors, and perhaps a cool dip at the Water Mine water park. Admission is free to the park but a suggested donation of \$5 a car helps pay for the fireworks, park staff and even park improvements. Call 703-471-5414.

**Sunday, July 5**  
***Bird Watching Club***  
Look up, listen and discover the amazing variety of birds that inhabit our park at E. C. Lawrence from 3 to 4 p.m. Kids meet once a month. The cost is \$5 per child. Call 703-631-0013.

***Wagon Ride to Poohsticks Bridge***  
Journey through the woods to Poohsticks bridge at Riverbend Park from 11 to noon. Listen to Winnie the Pooh’s story and play Poohsticks on the bridge. Cost is \$5 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

**Sunday, July 12**  
***Turtle Survey***  
See turtles close-up at E. C Lawrence Park from 4 to 5 p.m. Identify different species of turtles and search for them at the pond. The cost is \$5 per person. Call 703-631-0013.



#### Fridays, July 10 & 24

##### *Frying Pan Fridays*

Enjoy adventure at Frying Pan Farm including hands-on activities and hikes. Topics include: 7/10, 1930s Farm Life; 7/24 VIP Farm-yard Access Tour. Children must be joined by a registered adult. Cost is \$8 per person. Please call 703-437-9101.

#### Friday, July 10

##### *Goodnight Walk: Firefly Fun*

The wonders of fireflies come to light at Hidden Oaks Nature Center during a walk, talk and craft exploring these creatures from 8 to 9 p.m. This event will be canceled in bad weather. Children must be joined by a registered adult. The cost is \$6 per person. Call 703-941-1065.

#### Saturday, July 11 & Sunday, July 12 *World War II Weekend*

Travel back to the World War II era as Sully Historic Site hosts Allied and Axis re-enactors for a weekend of demonstrations, memories and music. Talk to them about life in the 1940s. House tour included. Free for veterans and active duty military. The cost is \$8 per adult and \$6 for seniors and children. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 703-437-1794.

#### Saturdays, July 11, 18 & 25

##### *Kayak Mini Float Trip*

The journey begins at 11 a.m. with a scenic wagon ride from the Visitor Center to the launch site at Riverbend Park, followed by a 1.5-mile instructor-led float trip down through riffles and flat water. No previous experience necessary. Kayaks available. Download waiver at <http://1.usa.gov/1aubG3L>. Bring completed form. Cost is \$38. For information, call 703-759-9018.

#### Saturday, July 11 & Sunday, July 19 *Pond Life*

Meet a naturalist by Walney Pond at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Bring boots and get ready to find out who is living under the water at the pond's edge. All family members must register. Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

#### Saturday, July 11

##### *Ice Cream and Ices Tasting Party*

Sample delicious ices and hear about ice cream's history from 10:30 to noon at Green Spring Gardens. Learn to churn your own. The cost is \$25 per person. call 703-642-5173.

##### *Build your own Bat House*

Bats eat mosquitoes and pollinate plants, and you can help them thrive by building a bat house at Riverbend Park from 10 to noon. The cost is \$8 per person. A \$15 fee per bat house is paid to instructor at class. Call 703-759-3211.

#### Saturday, July 11

##### *Sounds of the Night Campfire*

Sounds of the night fill our ears at Hidden Oaks Nature Center. Learn to identify nocturnal animal calls, make s'mores and enjoy campfire stories from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Event canceled for rain. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Cost is \$6 per person. Call 703-941-1065.

##### *Workshop: Kinetic Garden Sculpture*

Join our kinetic art class from 9:30 to noon at Green Spring Gardens. Learn about movement and light, materials, weight and balance. Create a whimsical, aluminum bird as a garden mobile or rain chain. This project requires strong hands. Program cost is \$30 per person,. Supply fee is \$20 per person. Call 703-642-5173.

##### *Evening Walk*

Join a naturalist to hike the trails of Huntley Meadows Park from 8 to 10 p.m., looking and listening for owls and other night animals. Cost is \$6 per person. Call 703-768-2525.

##### *Frog Chorus at Eakin Pond*

Celebrate National Frog Month at Eakin Park on Prosperity Rd. with a naturalist-led walk to identify frogs at the pond. Bring one flashlight per family. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Cost is \$6 per person. Event canceled if it rains. Call 703-941-1065.

#### Sundays, July 12 & 26

##### *Wagon Ride-Journey to the Potomac River*

Enjoy riding through the woods and along the Potomac River at Riverbend Park from 11 a.m to noon while learning about the park's wildlife and past American Indian inhabitants. Cost is \$5. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

#### Sunday, July 12

##### *Sunrise Kayak Tour*

As the sun rises over the Potomac at Riverbend from 7 to 9 a.m., paddle with a naturalist and learn about the river's historic and natural beauty. This is not a whitewater tour. One– and two-person kayaks provided. Download waiver at <http://1.usa.gov/1aubG3L> and bring completed form to tour. The cost is \$38 per person. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

##### *Toddler Time-Terrific Turtles*

Enjoy outdoor activities and meet one of our turtles at Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 10:30-11:15 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 703-941-1065.

##### *Snake and Turtle Feeding*

Enjoy a brief presentation and snake, turtle and toad feedings at Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

#### Sunday, July 12

##### *Tree Identification Hike*

Learn more about the trees at Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Cost is \$6. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

##### *Birding for Beginners*

Learn about birds in Huntley Meadows and gain basic identification skills from 8 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$6 per person. Kids ages 12 to 16 must be joined by a registered adult. Call 703-768-2525.

##### *Naturalist's Choice 'Behind the Scenes'*

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of Huntley Meadows Park with a tour of some off-the-beaten path places from 10 to noon. Cost is \$6 per person. Dress for off trail. Call 703-768-2525.

#### Mondays, July 13 & 27

##### *Little Hands on the Farm*

Join us in Kidwell barn. Meet farm animals, enjoy a story or game, and pretend to be the famer from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. for two- to-three year-olds, and 11 to 11:45 a.m. for three to five year-olds at Frying Pan Farm. Pre-paid reservations required. Adult must attend. The cost is \$8 per child. Call 703-437-9101.

#### Tuesday, July 14

##### *Animals Underground*

Dig down deep under the forest floor as we learn about the soil's many other creatures at Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Cost is \$6 per child. Call 703-941-1065.

#### Wednesday, July 15

##### *Dragons and Damsels at the Pond*

Watch dragonflies and damselflies at Walney Pond at E.C. Lawrence Park from 7 to 8 p.m. Learn myths and facts about these insects. Cost is \$5 per person. Call 703-631-0013.

#### Thursday, July 16

##### *Kids Korner-Summer Preschool Adventure*

Preschool children share summer adventures at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park from 1 to 2 p.m. with their adult and a naturalist. The cost is \$5 per child. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

##### *Garden Tour & Tea*

Tour demonstration gardens from 1 to 3 p.m. with a Master Gardener. Then enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea in our historic house. The cost is \$32 per person. Reservations required. For more information, call 703-941-7987.

#### Friday, July 17

##### *Nocturnal Hunters*

Join a naturalist-led hike and learn about nocturnal animals at E. C Lawrence Park from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Catch/release fireflies, locate bats, and enjoy s'mores at a campfire. Cost is \$6 a person. Children must be joined by a paid, registered adult. Call 703-631-0013.

#### Friday, July 17

##### *Goodnight Walk: Night Sky*

Learn the wonders of the night sky at Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 8 to 9 p.m. Enjoy a story and craft. Cost is \$6 per person. Kids must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

#### Saturday, July 18

##### *Saturday Garden Highlights Tours*

Green Spring's gardens offer new plants to admire and design elements to inspire. From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. catch garden highlights with Master Gardeners. The cost is \$12 per person. Call 703-642-5173.

##### *Live Sharks, Rays and More*

Meet a live shark at Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 2 to 3 p.m. Presented by Under the Sea's Andrew Wilson, discover what makes these creatures well-adapted to the ocean. The cost is \$7 per person. call 703-941-1065.

##### *Workshop: Cement Cloth Planter*

Make a unique garden container at Green Spring Gardens out of draped fabric and cement from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.. Horticulturalist Nancy Olney leads you through the project .The cost is \$27 per person. Call 703-642-5173.

##### *Junior/Parent Open*

Junior golfers team up at Jefferson Golf with a parent to compete in a nine-hole, alternate-shot tournament. Teams compete against others in the same age group. Age groups are divided into 8-10, 11-13 and 14-17. Advance registration required by July 15. The cost per team, before July 13, is \$55 for Junior members and \$65 for junior non-members. After July 13, the fee is \$60 for Junior members/\$70 for non-members. Rain date July 25. Fee due at registration. Lunch and prizes included. Call 703- 573-0444, ext. 8.

##### *Historic Huntley Summer Social*

Enjoy refreshing lemonade or try your hand at making hand-cranked ice cream from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy period games or build a kite. Cost is \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-768-2525.

##### *Hands-on Nature*

Drop off your child for an hour of natural adventure at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park from 3 to 4 p.m. Kids feed exhibit animals, search for wildlife, explore fur pelts and take home a craft. The cost is \$5 per child. Call 703-631-0013.

##### *Campfire Fun: Summer Stories*

Hear old-fashioned tall tales and roast marshmallows around a campfire at Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. Canceled in case of rain. Cost is \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

#### Saturday, July 18

##### *Fishing by the Stream*

Meet at Cabell's Mill to go fishing along Rocky Run stream from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Learn about native fish and get tips on techniques. Beginners welcome. Bring your own fully-rigged fishing poles; worms provided for bait. The cost is \$5 for ages four to adult. Children must be joined by registered adult. Call 703-827-0609.

#### Sunday, July 19

##### *Green Tree Frogs of Mason Neck*

Learn about green tree frogs and how they forecast the weather at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring lunch and dress for the weather. The cost is \$5 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

##### *Dragonflies*

Learn about the life cycle, behavior and identification of Huntley Meadow's many dragonflies and damselflies. Venture to the wetland from 9 to 11:30 a.m. to observe these acrobatic fliers. Cost is \$6 Canceled if it rains. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

##### *How to Draw Your Dragon(fly)*

Join naturalist/artist Margaret Wohler at Huntley Meadows from 12:30 to 2 p.m. to learn tips and techniques for drawing dragonflies. Cost is \$6 per person. Call 703-768-2525.

##### *Bird Watching for Beginners*

Start your birding adventure at Riverbend Park with birding basics from 8 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Call 703-759-9018.

##### *Wagon Ride-Birds, Butterflies & Blossoms*

Take a wagon ride scavenger hunt through the meadow at Riverbend Park from 11 to noon. Search for birds and butterflies and meet a friendly animal up close. Cost is \$5 per person. Kids must be joined by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

##### *Stream Stomp*

Investigate Bugg Creek at Hidden Oaks Nature Center and look for salamanders and crayfish in this catch-and-release adventure. Cost is \$6 per child. Canceled in case of severe weather. For more information, call 703-941-1065.



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#### Thursday, July 23

##### *Drawing & Painting Lab*

Explore techniques such as concepts of shape, line, texture and blending from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens in this class which meets four times. Students need to bring a 9"x12" drawing pad (90 lb.) and a 9"x12" mixed-media pad (140 lb.), graphite pencils (HB, 6B), fine Sharpie or Pitt pen (black), a set of 24 Crayola crayons, a set of 12 color pencils, a set of water-soluble oils or wax pastels and a set of watercolors (pan is okay). You also need to bring filbert brush #8 and #10 and a flat brush for washes and blending. The cost is \$77 for four, two-hour lessons. Call 703-642-5173.

#### Friday, July 24

##### *Jr. Naturalist Summer Adventure*

Elementary school children discover summer's adventures with a naturalist at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per child. Adults welcome. Call 703-631-0013.

##### *Summer Wagon Ride*

Breeze along with a naturalist on a tractor ride to the wetland and back at Huntley Meadows Park from 9:30 to 11 a.m. or 3 to 4:30 p.m. Enjoy a snack at the observation platform. Rides leave from the South Kings Highway entrance. Cost is \$6. Children must be accompanied by registered adult. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

##### *Campfire Fridays*

Come out to Hidden Pond Nature Center from 7:30 to 9 p.m. to learn about reptiles and enjoy a campfire and s'mores. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 703-451-9588.

#### Saturday, July 25

##### *Family Fun: Hummingbird Garden*

Search for these tiny, winged jewels and learn fascinating hummingbird facts at Green Spring Gardens from 1 to 2 p.m. Make a special feeder and take home a nectar plant The cost is \$8 per project. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

##### *Lower-Maintenance Garden Ideas*

Tour the gardens at Green Spring with a horticulturalist from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and find ways to make your summer garden beautiful. Cost is \$15. Call 703-642-5173.

##### *Dairy Farming at Walney: Ice Cream*

Explore Walney's dairy farm history and tour the ice house and ice pond at E. C. Lawrence Park from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Make and eat hand-cranked ice cream. Cost is \$8. Register an adult with any registered child. Call 703-631-0013.

##### *Evening Stroll*

Stroll through Huntley Meadows Park at dusk with a naturalist to watch and listen for beavers, owls and nocturnal residents from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. Call 703-768-2525.